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Hospital Acquired Infection
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the hospital acquired infections are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government had conducted any study in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) to (d): Since Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained Centrally. It is the responsibility of the respective State Government/ Union Territories to take action in this regard.

In so far as the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no increase in the rate of hospital acquired infections.

Point Prevalence Study with reference to Hospital Acquired Infection is conducted by these hospitals to ascertain the infection rate within the hospital. Infection control measures are taken as per the Hospital Manual prepared by the Directorate General of Health Services which provides the guidelines for infection Control measures in the hospitals. The details of steps taken to make the Central Government controlled hospitals from infections are given below:

I. There is a Hospital Infection Control Committee and Biomedical waste Committee which monitor the implementation of infection control practices on regular basis. There is a dedicated infection control team which is involved in regular surveillance of hospital acquired infection.
II. Regular IEC activities by Infection control team are held for all the categories of Health Care Workers to cover all the sensitive areas like OTs, ICUs etc.
III. Prescribed guidelines are followed for disposal of Hospital Biomedical Waste (BMW) as per BMW management and handling rule 1998.
IV. Antibiotic policy is in place in these hospitals which aims at appropriate use of antibiotics and prevention of spread of infections.